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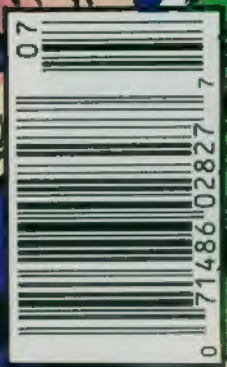


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# VISIONARIES

Knights of the Magical Light





ON A COLD NIGHT IN  
NEW VALARAK IN  
THESE DAYS SINCE  
THE FALL OF SCIENCE,  
A WARM FIRE IN A  
FRIENDLY HEARTH IS  
MOST WELCOME--

--BUT WHEN THAT  
FIRE SWELLS AS IF  
WITH A LIFE OF ITS  
OWN, WHAT WAS  
WELCOME BECOMES  
A THING OF FEAR!

MOONS OF  
PRYSMOS!

STAND  
BACK,  
GALADRIA!  
YOU'LL BE  
BURNED!

BUT  
THERE'S  
NO HEAT,  
CRYOTEK! HOW  
CAN THERE  
BE FLAME  
WITHOUT  
HEAT--??

GALADRIA'S  
RIGHT! THIS IS  
NO ORDINARY  
FIRE!

LOOK!  
THERE'S A  
FACE FORMING  
IN THE  
FLAMES--

# QUEST OF THE FOUR TALISMANS

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"--THE WIZARD OF  
IRON MOUNTAIN.  
MERKLYN!"

ATTEND ME,  
YOU KNIGHTS OF  
THE MAGICAL  
LIGHT!

LESS THAN  
A TWELVE-  
MONTH PAST, I  
SUMMONED YOU  
TO IRON  
MOUNTAIN--  
THERE TO  
RECEIVE THE  
GIFT OF MYSTIC  
POWER.

THIS DAY, LEORIC,  
I SUMMON YOU  
AND YOUR  
KNIGHTS ONCE  
AGAIN, AS I  
SUMMON THOSE  
YOU CALL THE  
DARKLING  
LORDS--

--TO FACE A CRISIS  
GREATER THAN ANY  
YOU HAVE KNOWN  
SINCE THE AGE OF  
MAGIC BEGAN ANEW.

WE ARE  
NOT SLAVES,  
MERKLYN. WHAT  
WE DO, WE DO  
BY FREE  
CHOICE.

TELL US  
WHAT YOU  
WANT.

WHEN YOU  
ARRIVE AT IRON  
MOUNTAIN, AND  
NOT BEFORE.

DESPITE  
WHAT YOU  
MAY IMAGINE,  
GOOD KNIGHT--

--IN THIS LIFE,  
ONLY GODS AND  
FOOLS ARE  
TRULY FREE TO  
CHOOSE.

HMPH.

WHATEVER IT IS MERKLYN  
WANTS, IF IT INVOLVES THE  
DARKLING LORDS, ONE  
THING'S SURE--

-- THERE'LL BE  
TROUBLE.



**IRON MOUNTAIN: A SEAT OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY IN PAST DAYS, NOW HOME OF THE HERMIT MAGE MERKLYN.**

**HERE THE WIND BLOWS BITTER AND COLD--**

**-- BUT NO MORE BITTER, NO MORE COLD, THAN THE ANGRY WORDS THAT ECHO BEFORE THE WIZARD'S IRON DOOR.**

I'LL WARN YOU ONCE, LEORIC--

--IF THERE'S A REWARD TO BE WON, I AND MY DARKLING LORDS WILL WIN IT.

DARKSTORM, MERKLYN CALLED US HERE TO FACE A GRAVE CRISIS.

CAN'T WE BE ALLIES?

NEVER! YOU'RE WEAK, LEORIC. YOU WANT TO LEAP. I WANT TO RULE.

WE'LL ALWAYS BE ENEMIES.

PITY.

THE TRUTH IS, I EXPECTED AS MUCH. BUT I HAD TO TRY, IF ONLY--

SILENCE!

UHH! THE LIGHT--!

I HATE THE WAY MERKLYN MAKES HIS FACE APPEAR ON THE MOUNTAIN WALL! IT MAKES ME FEEL SO SMALL AND HELPLESS!

SPECTRAL KNIGHTS AND DARKLING LORDS, HEED MY WORDS!

A TERRIBLE CRISIS IS UPON THE LAND, AND ONLY YOU HAVE THE POWER TO OPPOSE IT!

IS IT MY IMAGINATION, OR DOES MERKLYN'S VOICE SOUND WEAKER THAN IT DID THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE?



OBSERVE-- FOUR  
JEWELS, REPRESENTING  
THE FOUR ELEMENTS:  
EARTH, AIR, FIRE,  
AND WATER.

THESE TALISMANS  
WERE CREATED DURING  
THE FIRST AGE OF MAGIC,  
EONS PAST, BY THE  
GREATEST WIZARD OF THAT  
TIME-- ELVAR THE WISE.

HE IMBUED  
THE JEWELS  
WITH  
TREMENDOUS  
MAGICAL  
POWER.

AGES AGO, THE  
JEWELS **VANISHED**.  
NOW, ONE BY ONE, FAR  
APART, THEY HAVE  
**REAPPEARED**.

YOU MUST FIND  
THEM AND BRING  
THEM TO ME.

OF COURSE, WE'LL  
DO AS YOU **ASK**--  
BUT WHAT SORT OF  
POWER DO THESE  
JEWELS **POSSESS**?

AND WHY  
DO YOU  
**WANT**  
THEM?

SEPARATELY,  
EACH JEWEL  
HAS POWER  
OVER ITS OWN  
ELEMENT.

TOGETHER,  
THEIR MAGIC IS  
MULTIPLIED  
**FOUR TIMES**.

HE WHO  
HOLDS THE FOUR  
ELEMENTAL  
TALISMANS  
CONTROLS THE  
MOST EXCEPTIONAL  
FORCE FOR **GOOD** OR  
**EVIL** ON THIS  
PLANET.

THE OLD  
FOOL HAS TO  
BE **INSANE**  
TO TELL  
US THIS!

DOESN'T  
HE REALIZE--  
SUCH POWER  
MUST BE  
**MINE!**



MERKLYN, IF THIS CRISIS IS AS GRAVE AS YOU SAY, SHOULDN'T VIRULINA AND I HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF POWER AS THE MEN?

FOR ONCE, I AGREE WITH GALADRIA. YOU GAVE THE MEN MAGICAL STAFFS.

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE US?

A POINT WE'VE RAISED, VIRULINA.

I GAVE YOUR COMPANIONS POWERS SUITED TO THEIR PERSONALITIES.

NOW I SHALL DO THE SAME FOR YOU!

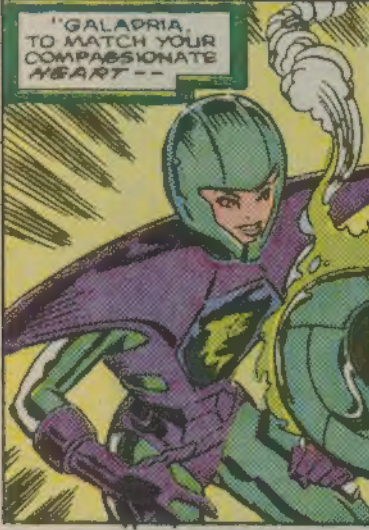


"GALADRIA, TO MATCH YOUR COMPASSIONATE HEART--"

"-- I PRESENT YOU WITH THE POWER OF HEALING."

"VIRULINA, BECAUSE YOUR HEART IS DARK WITH ENVY--"

"-- YOURS WILL BE THE POWER TO SICKEN THOSE YOU HATE."



NOW GO, ALL OF YOU. I WILL GIVE YOU GUIDES TO LEAD YOU ON YOUR QUEST BUT MORE THAN THIS I CANNOT DO.

BRING ME THE TALISMANS OF ELEMENTAL POWER BEFORE THE HOUR OF THE SUMMER SOLSTICE.

FAIL ME NOT. LEST THE WHOLE WORLD SUFFER...

AND WITH A GROAN OF SHIFTING ROCK, THE MOUNTAINSIDE RETURNS TO ITS FORMER STATE, A FEATURELESS WALL OF UNLIVING STONE.





DARKSTORM,  
YOU HEARD  
MERKLYN.

SURELY THIS  
MISSION IS MORE  
**IMPORTANT**  
THAN OUR PETTY  
DISAGREEMENTS.

I OFFER MY HAND IN PEACE.  
LET'S PUT OUR DIFFERENCES  
ASIDE AND WORK **TOGETHER**.



DON'T BE  
**ABSRD.**



ONLY A  
SIMPLETON  
LIKE **YOU**  
WOULD TURN  
HIS BACK ON  
AN  
OPPORTUNITY  
LIKE THIS,  
LEORIC.

KEEP  
YOUR  
HAND.  
KEEP  
YOUR  
**PEACE.**

THIS  
IS  
**WAR.**



DARKSTORM!  
YOU WANT A  
FIGHT? HOW  
ABOUT RIGHT  
**NOW?**

CRYOTEK,  
**NO!**



HE IGNORED ME!

I CHALLENGED  
HIM, GALADRIA,  
AND HE  
**WALKED  
AWAY!**

WHAT  
DID YOU  
EXPECT?

THIS ISN'T THE  
TIME **OR** PLACE  
FOR A BATTLE.  
AND DARKSTORM  
KNOWS IT! **SAVE  
YOUR STRENGTH  
FOR THE MISSION  
YOU'LL NEED IT.**



MORE AND MORE THESE DAYS,  
I FEEL AS IF MY **BEAR  
PERSONALITY** WERE TAKING  
OVER, LEAVING MY HUMAN  
MIND BEHIND.

SHE'S  
RIGHT, I  
MUST  
CONTROL  
MY  
TEMPER.

AND THAT  
WAY LIES  
**DISASTER...**



**INTERLUDE: DEEP WITHIN IRON MOUNTAIN, IN A CHAMBER OF SMOKE AND SHADOW, THE WIZARD MERKYN FEELS THOUGHTFULLY AT THE VISION REFLECTED IN A POOL OF STEAMING WATER.**

**GONE IS THE FIERCE SORCERER WHO REMADE FIRE AND STONE IN HIS IMAGE.**

**IN HIS PLACE, THERE STANDS A WEARY OLD MAN, GRAY WITH AGE, BENT BY TIME.**

**HURRY, YOU KNIGHTS OF THE MAGICAL LIGHT. FIND THE JEWELS. BRING THEM HERE.**

**IF YOU KNEW MY REAL REASON FOR WANTING THE TALISMANS, WOULD YOU BE SO QUICK TO SEEK THEM OUT?**



I THINK NOT.

ALREADY, THE FORCES THAT WOULD DESTROY ME BEGIN THEIR WORK.



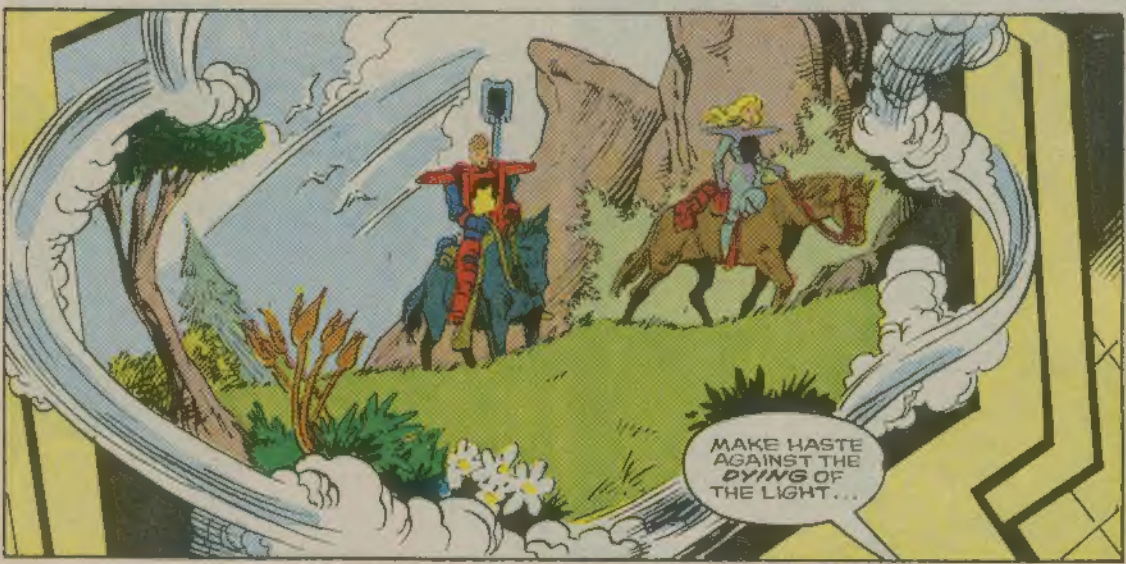
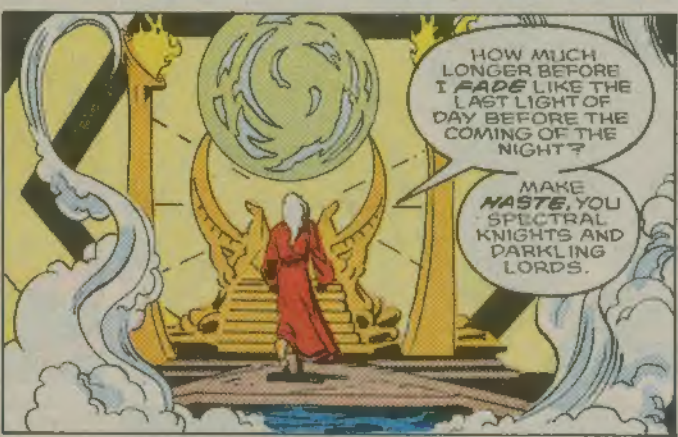
ONLY AN EFFORT OF WILL CAN HOLD THEM AT BAY.

BUT HOW MUCH LONGER CAN MY WILL SUFFICE?



HOW MUCH LONGER BEFORE I FADE LIKE THE LAST LIGHT OF DAY BEFORE THE COMING OF THE NIGHT?

MAKE HASTE, YOU SPECTRAL KNIGHTS AND DARKLING LORDS.



MAKE HASTE AGAINST THE DYING OF THE LIGHT...



THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE MEETING WITH MERKLYN AT IRON MOUNTAIN.

FOR CRYOTEK AND GALADRIA, THEY HAVE BEEN DAYS SPENT TRAVELING NORTH FROM NEW VALARAK, DEEP INTO THE UNKNOWN TERRITORIES, ON THE TRAIL OF AN ELUSIVE SPIRIT GUIDE...



SO WHERE IS IT?

I DON'T KNOW, CRYOTEK. SHE KEEPS FLITTING AWAY.

SOMETIMES I THINK YOU FRIGHTEN HER.



"FRIGHTEN HER?" IT'S A BALL OF MAGICAL ENERGY, GALADRIA, NOT A PERSON--A SPIRIT GUIDE, NOT A "SHE."

THERE IT IS.

I SAY IT'S A "SHE," CRYOTEK.



HAMPH, MERKLYN GAVE US FOUR SPIRIT GUIDES TO LEAD FOUR GROUPS OF KNIGHTS TO THE FOUR JEWELS. THEY'RE JUST LIGHTS, GALADRIA. NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.

HAVE IT YOUR WAY.

IT'S GETTING LATE. FIND US A CAMPSITE, LITTLE ONE.



"LITTLE ONE."

HRMPH.

SHADOWS LENGTHEN. DARKNESS FALLS...



...AND IN THE DARKNESS, A DIFFERENT KIND OF GUIDE ARRIVES, FOLLOWED BY THE RUMBLING VEHICLE KNOWN AS THE "DAGGER ASSAULT"...

LISTEN TO HIM SNIKE, CRAVE! SOUNDS LIKE HE'S FOUND SOMETHING UP AHEAD!

SKREEEE

"HE" OUR GUIDE'S A AINDLESS FLYING LIZARD, FOOL--NOT A "HE"!







TAKE A TASTE

WHAT DO I SAY IF IT'S **AWFUL**? MEN HAVE SUCH **FRAGILE** EGOS. I'M ALMOST AFRAID TO--



HEY!

IT'S REALLY GOOD!



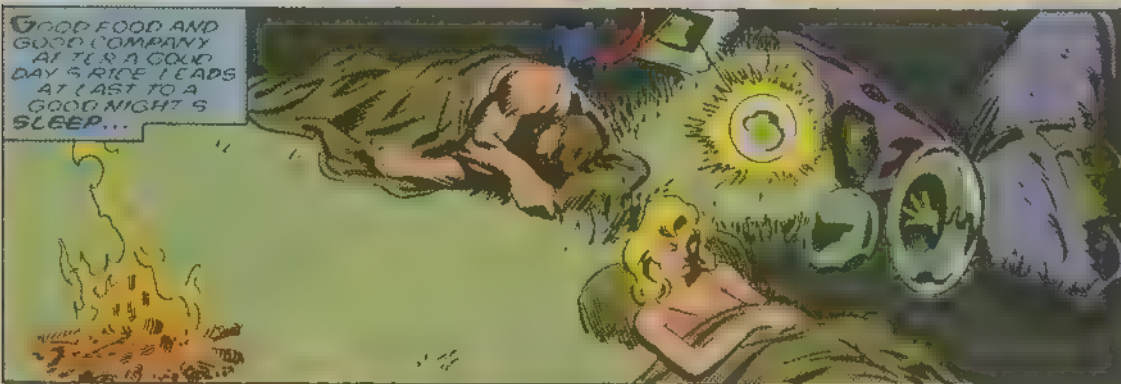
I TOLD YOU, GALADRIA-- ONCE YOU GET TO **KNOW** ME--

... I'M FULL OF SURPRISES

HMMM I'LL BET YOU ARE



GOOD FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY AFTER A GOOD DAY'S RICE LEADS AT LAST TO A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP...



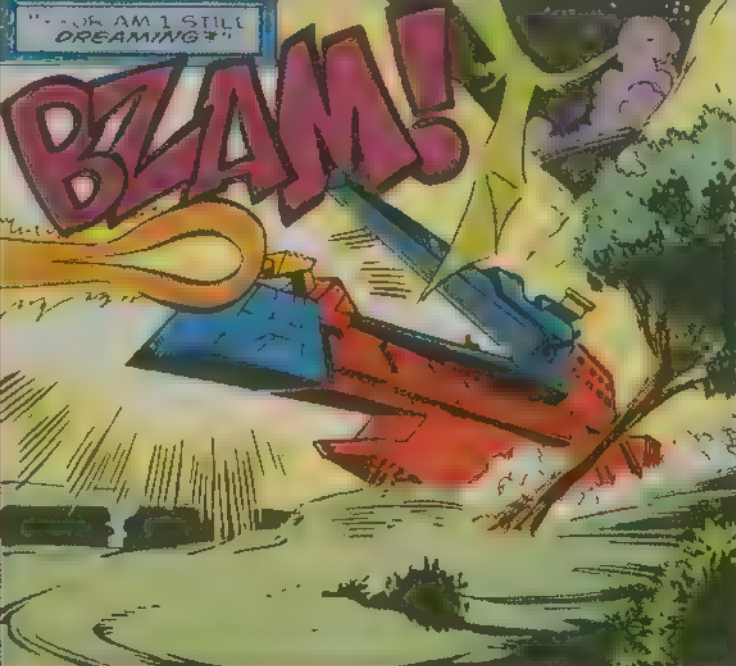
... BUT EVEN THE BEST NIGHTS CAN BE RIDICULOUSLY SHATTERED.



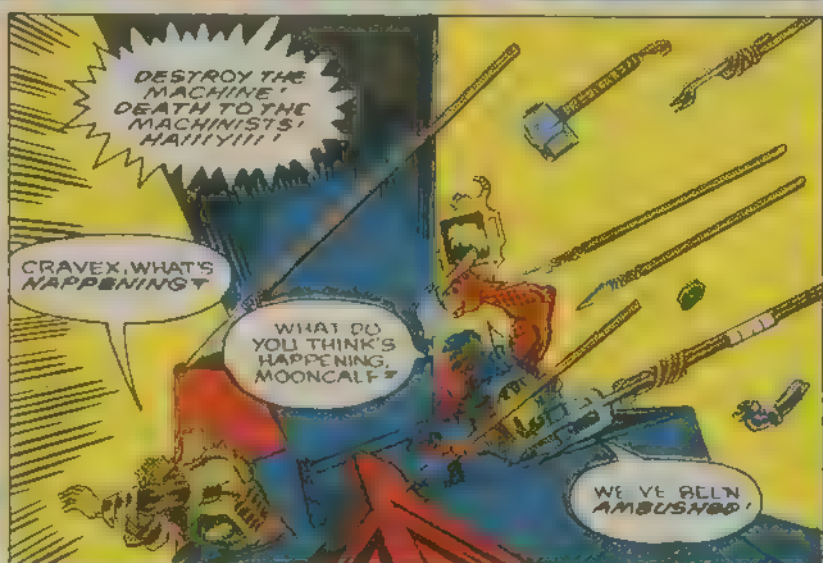
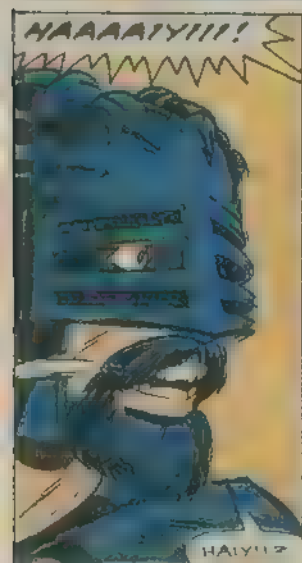
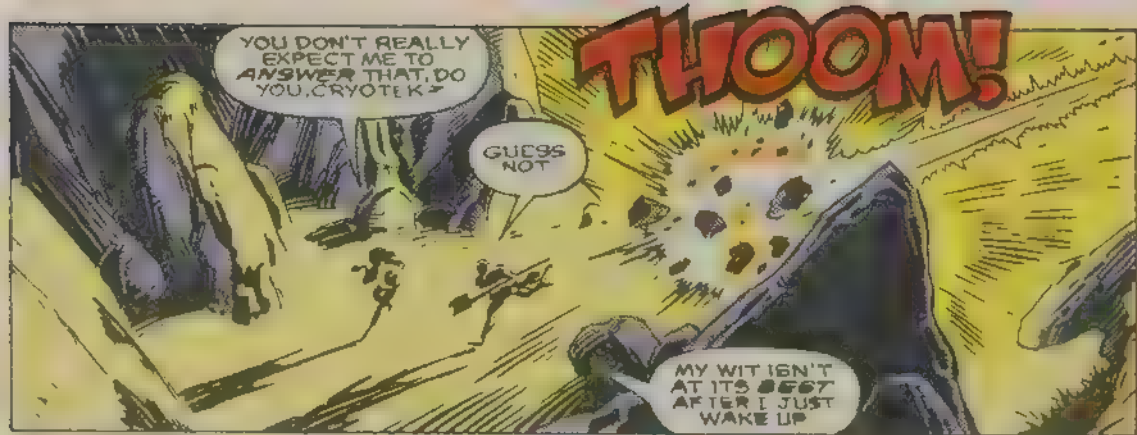
HUH? WHAT THAT NOISE?

BY THE DARK STAR GALADRIA IS THAT THE **BIGGER ASSAULT**--

"... OR AM I STILL DREAMING?"









SAVAGES, CRAVEX-- THERE MUST BE DOZENS OF THEM!

WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? BLAST THEM WITH OUR CATAPULTS!

I CAN'T! DAGGER ASSAULT WASN'T BUILT FOR CLOSE IN COMBAT! I NEED DISTANCE! THE PROPER ANGLE---

NAAAAIIYY!



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D BE USELESS IN A PINCH

GOOF!

THAT DOES IT



"O MUST-FILLED PITS DARK DARK UNCLEAR"



"-- TOUGH ALL 'FORE ME WITH FROST-FINGERED FEAR!"



CRAVEX AND HIS MAGICAL TOTEM-- SMOTHERING US WITH WAVES OF COLD TERROR!

WE HAVE TO RESIST--

W WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES, AFFELED, C'RYOTEK!



"HAVE'S FEAR SPELL CAUGHT REEKON BY SURPRISE AS WELL"

AKKK!



WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT?

REEKON IS SO FRIGHTENED, HE'S TITLING IN A PANIC!

CRAVEX'S SPELL BACKFIRED!

STOP, YOU IDIOT!

WE HAD THEM BEATENNNNN!



NO, YOU WARRIORS  
I AM TRAXX, LEADER  
OF THE PEOPLE. WELCOME  
TO OUR LAND

AN ENEMY OF THE  
MACHINES, A  
FRIEND OF OURS

IT SOUNDS  
AS IF RELKON  
AND CRAVIX  
ACTUALLY DID  
US A FAVOR BY  
ATTACKING IN  
DAGGER  
A FAULT, CRYOTEK

THANKS FOR  
PROTECTING US,  
TRAXX I AM  
CRYOTEK AND THIS  
IS CALADRIA  
WE'RE ON A  
MISSION OF  
PEACE

GOOD  
BUT WE WERE  
PROTECTING THE LAND,  
NOT YOU  
AS YOU'LL SEE MY  
PEOPLE HAVE A SPECIAL  
CONNECTION TO  
THE LAND

SPECIAL  
CONNECTION?

AYE  
WHILE  
SO MANY  
COMMUNITIES  
STARVED AFTER  
THE FALL OF THE  
MACHINE, OURS  
THRIVED

IN OUR VALLEY  
FOOD WAS  
ABUNDANT--

-- THANKS TO  
THE GOD IN THE  
TREE, WE HAVE  
TO PROTECT OUR  
LAND FROM THOSE  
WHO WOULD  
RAVAGE IT THAT'S  
WHY MY MEN AND  
I WERE ON  
PATROL WHEN  
WE--

END

PETROS WHERE DID  
THAT BALL OF LIGHT  
COME FROM?

I DON'T KNOW TRAXX  
IT STARTED ONLY A FEW  
MINUTES AGO!

WHY DOES IT  
CIRCLE THE  
GOD TREE?

BALL OF LIGHT?  
GOD TREE?

OH, NO!

OUR  
TOWN THE BIRTH  
TALISMAN  
AND IT SEEMED  
IN THAT TREE

EVERY  
SICK FELLING  
ABOUT THE



LET'S NOT JUMP  
TO CONCLUSIONS,  
GALADRIA

TRAKK TELL  
US ABOUT THIS  
GOD-TREE OF  
YOURS AND  
THAT BLACK  
JEWEL.

THE JEWEL BLESSES  
OUR LAND, CRYOTEK

WHEN WE CAME  
TO THIS VALLEY,  
LESS THAN A  
YEAR AGO, WE  
WERE HICK AND  
STARVING AND  
WITHOUT  
HOPE

ONE NIGHT,  
IN A DREAM,  
THE GOD TREE  
SPOKE  
TO ME

PLANT YOUR  
SEEDS. IT SAID  
"IN MY SHADE  
WILL YOU  
PROSPER"

AND PROSPER WE  
HAVE-- WHATEVER WE  
PLANT GROWS WITH  
MAGICAL SPEED, TO  
MAGICAL SIZE

WE OWE OUR  
SURVIVAL  
TO THE GOD-  
TREE. WE WILL  
DEFEND IT  
WITH OUR  
LIVES.

ALL WHAT  
ABOUT ~~SAMRIN~~  
YOUR GOOD  
FORTUNE TRAKK

AS YOU SAY  
PEOPLE ELSEWHERE  
ARE STARVING--

THAT IS NO  
CONCERN  
OF OURS.

WE  
ARE THE  
CHOSEN  
ONES.  
LET  
OTHERS  
FEND FOR  
THEM  
SELVES

WELL, ISN'T  
THAT  
INTERESTING?

THESE SAVAGES  
ARE A SUSPICIOUS  
GREBBY LOT

PERFECT

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
YOU'RE ~~SERIOUS~~

YOU WOULDN'T  
REALLY LET  
OTHER PEOPLE  
STARVE WHILE  
YOU HAVE THE  
MEANS TO FEED  
THEM... WOULD  
YOU?

THE GOD  
TREE CHOSE  
THIS VALLEY  
TO SAVE WHO  
ARE WE TO  
DEFEY HIS  
WILL?

HOW DO  
YOU KNOW  
A GOD'S  
WILL?

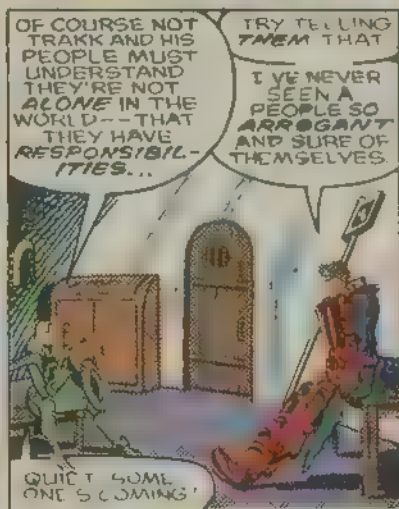
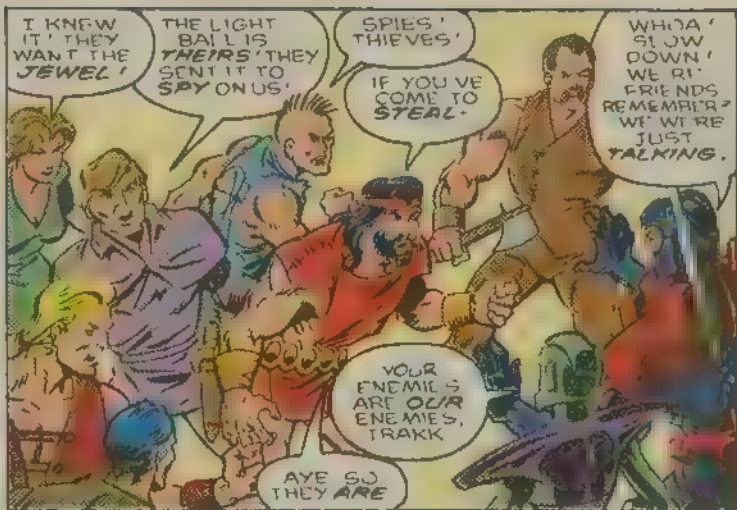
HOW DO YOU  
EVEN KNOW  
IF THAT'S  
A GOD?

WHAT IF IT'S  
JUST SOME KIND  
OF MAGICAL JEWEL  
WITH THE POWER TO  
MAKE THINGS GROW?

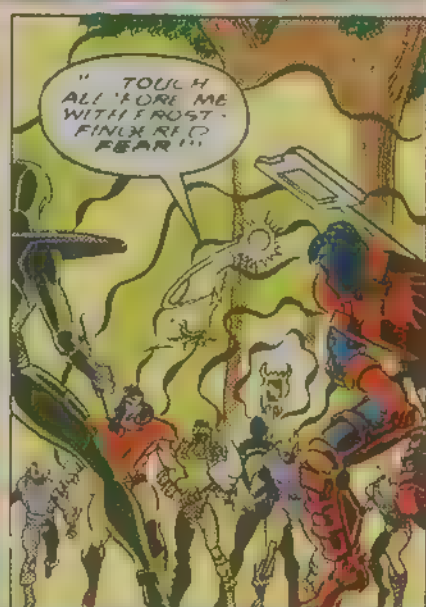
GLIMPSE  
WE SAID  
WE NEEDED  
THE JEWEL  
DESPERATELY  
GLIMPSE WE  
ASKED

AH

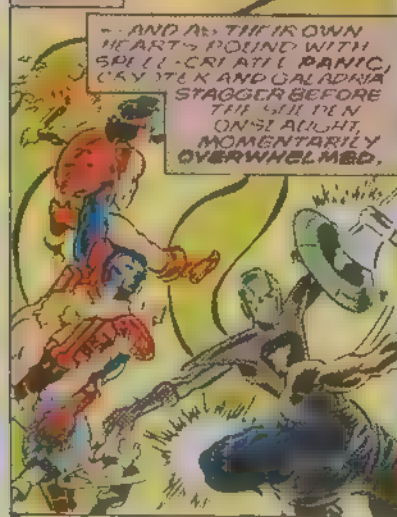








EYES WILD WITH UNTHINKING TERROR THE FARMER'S STRIKE OUT--



THEN--





WHEN I TAKE ON MY  
MAGICAL PERSONA AND  
BECOME THE BEAR, THE  
MAN IN ME GOES  
FAR AWAY!

IT'S A STRUGGLE  
TO REMAIN HUMAN  
IN MY THOUGHTS!

**RAWRR!**

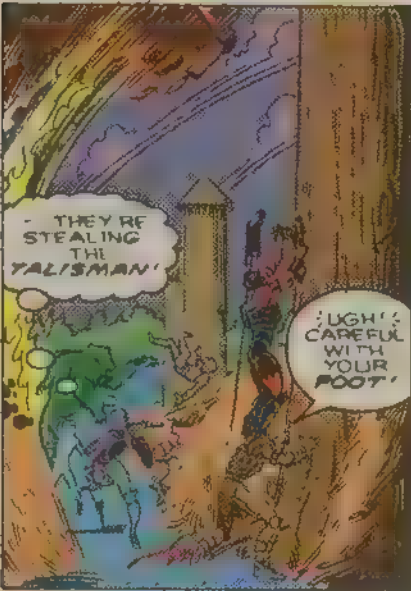
UNNOTICED  
IN THE MELEE,  
A TORCH  
FALLS AGAINST  
A HAYSTACK

**THE  
HAYSTACK  
IGNITES.**

**RAW!**

WAIT A MINUTE-- THE  
FEAR I FELT A MOMENT  
AGO IS GONE

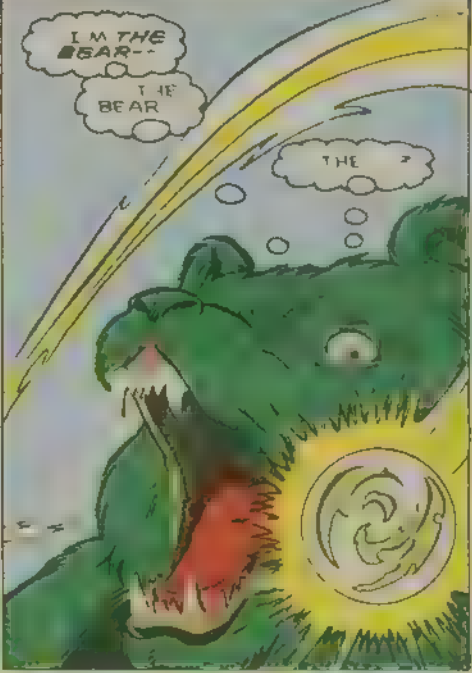
THAT MEANS CRAVEX  
ISN'T CASTING HIS FEAR-  
SPELL ANY MORE--AND  
THAT MEANS--





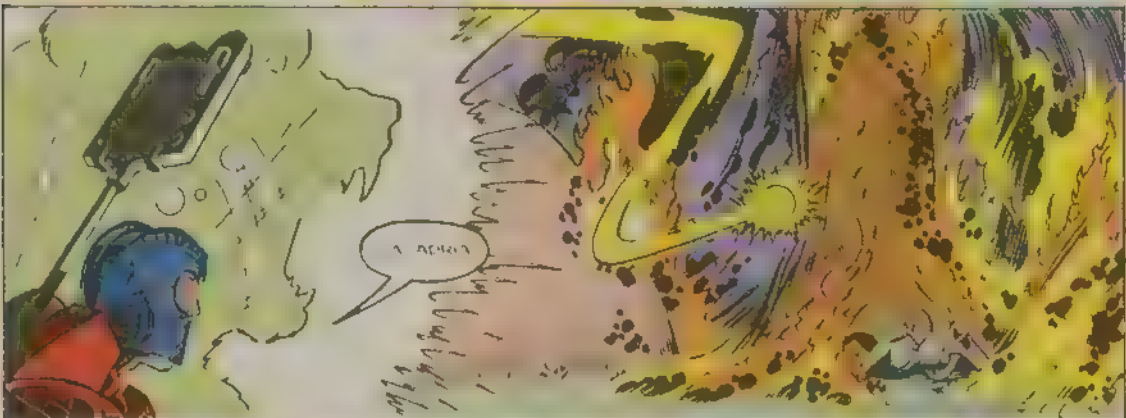
# RAWR

STICK ME  
WITH SPIRITS  
AND KNIFE!  
WILL YOU - WEAK  
LITTLE MEN! I'll  
SHOW YOU I'll  
TEAR YOU  
APART!



I'M THE  
BEAR--  
THE  
BEAR

THE



A AGH!

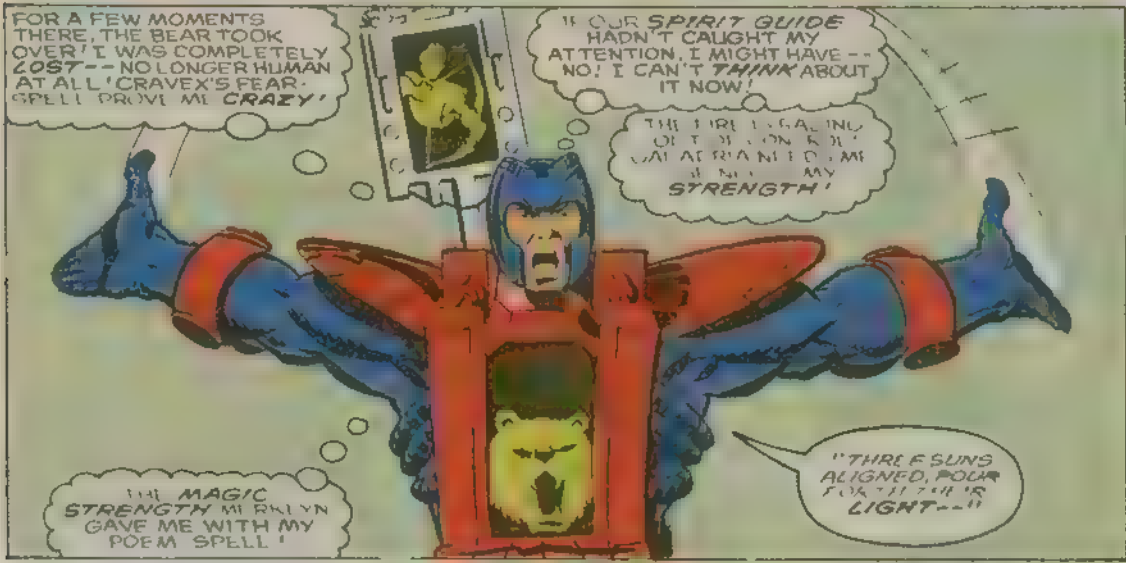
FOR A FEW MOMENTS  
THERE, THE BEAR TOOK  
OVER! I WAS COMPLETELY  
LOST-- NO LONGER HUMAN  
AT ALL! CRAVEX'S FEAR-  
SPELL PROVE ME CRAZY!

"IF OUR SPIRIT GUIDE  
HADN'T CAUGHT MY  
ATTENTION, I MIGHT HAVE--  
NO! I CAN'T THINK ABOUT  
IT NOW!"

THE FIRE, GALING  
OF THE SUN, KILL  
WATER, AND I AM  
MY  
STRENGTH!

THE MAGIC  
STRENGTH MIRKLYN  
GAVE ME WITH MY  
POEM SPELL!

"THREE SUNS  
ALIGNED, FOUR  
FOR THE LIGHT--!"







"... AND FILL THE ARCHER'S BOW WITH MIGHT!"

TWOON!

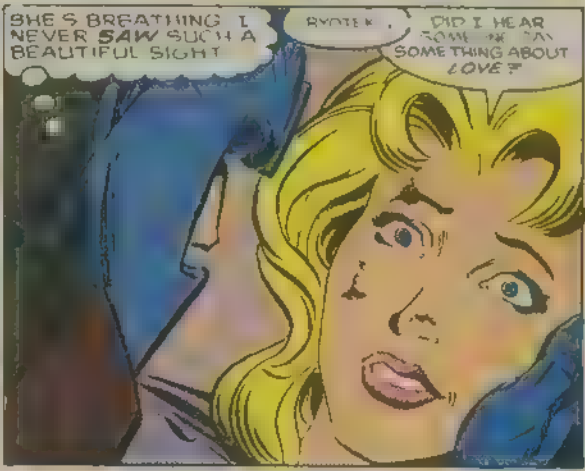


THANK THE MOONS, THE CONCUSSION BLEW OUT THE FLAMES BEFORE THEY COULD REACH GALADRIA...

BUT SHE INHALED SO MUCH SMOKE...

BREATHE, GALADRIA! IN THE NAME OF LOVE BREATHE!

COUGH! CASH!



SHE'S BREATHING! I NEVER SAW SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

RYOTEK... DID I HEAR SOME OF THAT LOVE?



AHEM... COUGH! ALL THIS SMOKE "COUGH" HARD TO TALK!

YOU'RE CLTIE WITH YOU BLUSH.

OH MY TRAKK... I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THE JEWEL AND YOUR TREE..

SORRY?



MY PEOPLE WERE DRIVEN MAD WITH FEAR--  
THEIR BODIES ARE SCARRED AND WOUNDED--  
OUR TREE IS DESTROYED, OUR VILLAGE IS  
RUINED, OUR TALISMAN IS ~~GONE~~ FOREVER...



AND YOU  
SPEAK TO ME OF  
SORROW?

WE WERE ~~WITNESSES~~  
ABOUT YOU, PERHAPS.  
THOSE OTHERS WERE  
OUR ~~TRUE~~ ENEMIES. I  
SEE THAT NOW.



BUT WILL  
KNOWLEDGE  
HEAL OUR  
PAIN?

KNOWLEDGE  
CAN'T.

I CAN.



BUT GALADRIA, YOU'RE ~~WEAK~~...  
SHOULD YOU TRY?

WEAK OR NOT, I  
CAN'T REFUSE THESE  
PEOPLE MY HELP

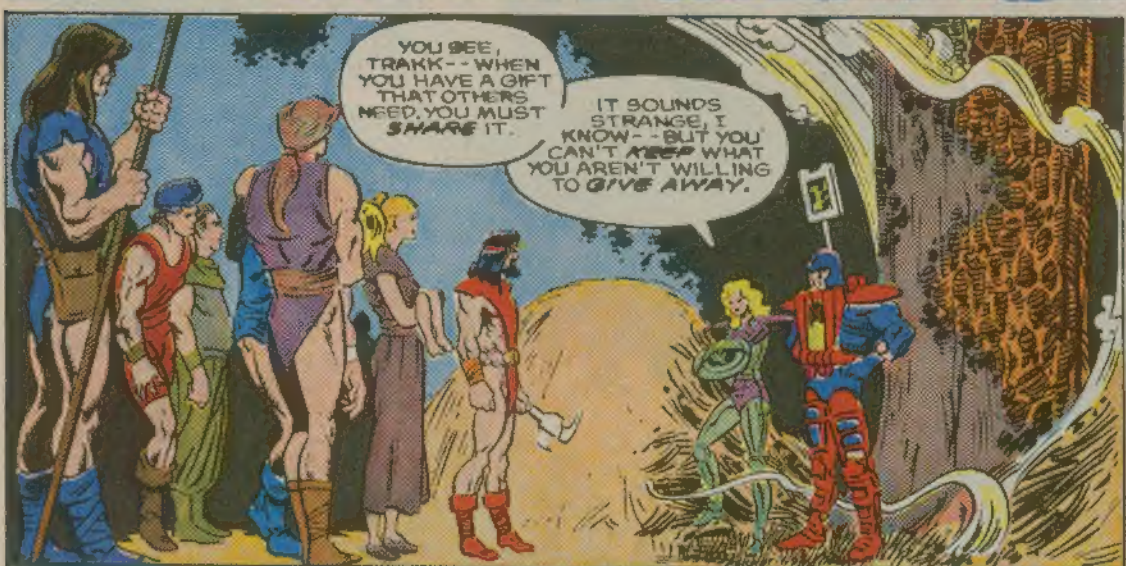
ALL RIGHT, BUT  
BE CAREFUL.

MERKLYN GAVE  
ME THE GIFT OF  
HEALING. NOW WE  
KNOW WHY.



YOU SEE,  
TRAKK-- WHEN  
YOU HAVE A GIFT  
THAT OTHERS  
NEED, YOU MUST  
SHARE IT.

IT SOUNDS  
STRANGE, I  
KNOW-- BUT YOU  
CAN'T ~~KEEP~~ WHAT  
YOU AREN'T WILLING  
TO GIVE AWAY.



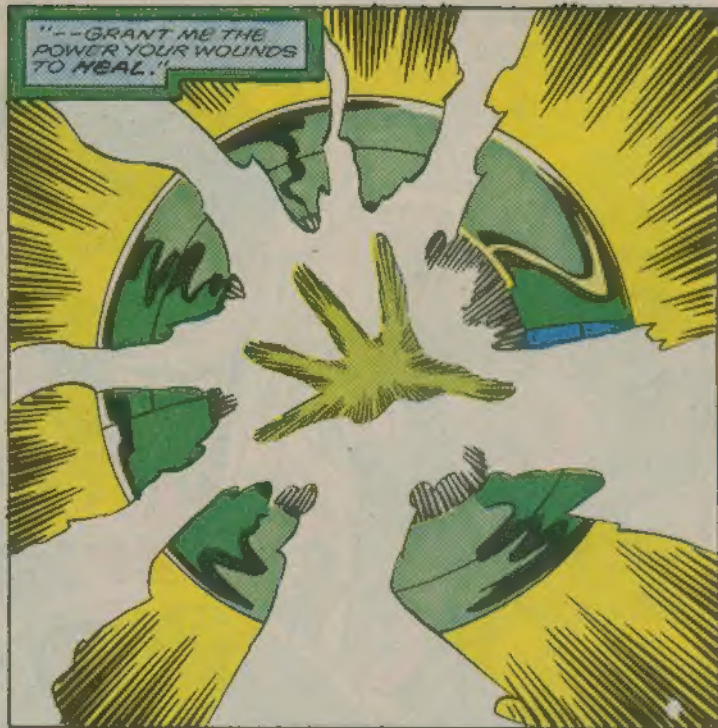


I HEAR A VOICE-- **MERKLYN'S VOICE**--IN MY MIND, WHISPERING THE WORDS OF A POEM-SPELL...

"BY WARMTH OF HEART, YOUR PAIN I FEEL--"



"--GRANT ME THE POWER YOUR WOUNDS TO HEAL."



IN THE MIST OF MIDNIGHT DARKNESS, IT'S AS IF THE **SUN** HAS MOVED FROM BEHIND A CLOUD.

LIGHT AND WARMTH FLOW OVER THE GATHERED VILLAGERS, TOUCHING EACH WITH A GOLDEN CARESS...



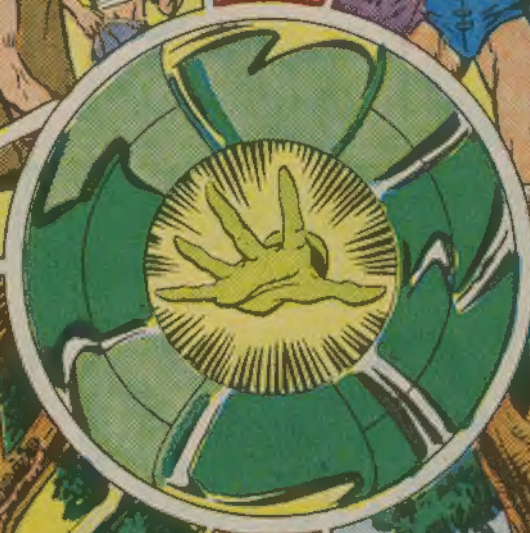
...A LIGHT SO BRIGHT THE WORLD ITSELF SEEMS TO DISAPPEAR...





AND WHEN THE  
GOLDEN GLOW  
FADES AT LAST TO  
A GENTLE, TENDER  
GLIMMERING--

--THOSE WHO  
SUFFERED ARE  
MADE WHOLE  
ONCE MORE--



--AND THAT  
WHICH WAS  
DESTROYED--

--IS  
REBORN.





THESE VILLAGERS HAVE NO IDEA WHAT USING HER POWER COST GALADRIA IN HER WEAKENED STATE.

HAD THE DEMAND BEEN ANY GREATER SHE MIGHT HAVE DIED!

OMHH...

CRYOTEK... DID I SUCCEED?



BRILLIANTLY.

NOW REST, I'M HERE. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

WHY, CRYOTEK-- IS THAT A FEAR I SEE IN YOUR EYE?

UH, AH, AHEM...



KNIGHTS, YOU MUST KNOW WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

BUT WITHOUT OUR GOD - JEWEL, WE HAVE NO FUTURE, NO HOPE OF PROSPERITY.

WE ARE NO LONGER THE CHOSEN ONES.



GOOD.

BEING "SPECIAL" IS A CURSE, TRAKK, WHEN IT SETS YOU APART FROM EVERYONE ELSE. NOW YOUR VILLAGE IS NO BETTER OR WORSE THAN ANY OTHER VILLAGE.

YOU'LL STRUGGLE AND WITH THE HELP OF THOSE YOU USED TO DESPISE -- YOU'LL SURVIVE.

YOU'LL PROBABLY EVEN THRIVE.



THESE ARE NEW THOUGHTS FOR US, KNIGHT. I'M NOT SURE OF THEIR WISDOM.

STILL, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TRY.

WHAT OF THE GOD - JEWEL AND THOSE WHO STOLE IT?

LEAVE THEM TO US, TRAKK. THE DARKLING LORDS MAY HAVE WON THIS FIRST ROUND, BUT THERE ARE THREE MORE TALISMANS YET TO BE FOUND.

NEXT TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT.

ON THAT YOU HAVE MY OATH AS A KNIGHT OF THE MAGICAL LIGHT!

TO BE CONTINUED...